

LUTHERAN SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AT CHICAGO

Course Profile

Quarter: Fall, 2008

Instructor: Hendel

Course: H-435 Theology of Luther

STATEMENT OF GOALS:

That the students:

1. examine a substantial portion of Luther's theological writings, in translation.
2. become aware of the contextual and occasional nature of those writings.
3. interpret basic themes in Luther's theology.
4. recognize both the unity and the diverse nature of Luther's thought.
5. evaluate the significance of sixteenth-century evangelical theology for their own theological perspectives and convictions.
6. improve their skills in written and oral communication.

OUTLINE AND CONTENT OF THE COURSE:

1. Characteristics of Luther's Theology
2. Christology
3. Doctrine of Justification
4. Theology of the Cross
5. Doctrine of God
6. Doctrine of the Church
7. The Ministry
8. The Sacraments

WORK TO BE REQUIRED IN THE COURSE:

1. Careful reading and analysis of primary sources in translation.
2. Discussion of those materials in class.
3. Scholarly research paper.
4. Oral presentation on the research project.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Required:

Luther's Works, Vols. 31, 32, 33, 40, 41.

Recommended:

Althaus, Paul. The Theology of Martin Luther

Lohse, Bernhard. Martin Luther: An Introduction to his Life and Work